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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (HENRY A. KISSINGER) OCON

SUBJ: SECVISIT - ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

REF: STATE 022279

THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ARE KEYED TO THOSE IN REFTEL:

1. PARTICIPATION: EMBASSY AWAITS FIRM ETA AND PASSENGER LIST FOR SPECIAL MILITARY AIRCRAFT.

2. CUSTOMS, HEALTH AND IMMIGRATION: BULK CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE OF VISA FOR ENTIRE PARTY HAS BEEN GRANTED BY GOP. MR. ELLIS V. GLYNN, FSSO-2, WILL RECEIVE PASSPORTS FROM CONTACT OFFICER AND HANDLE ENTRY/EXIT FORMALITIES.

3. SECURITY:

A. EMBASSY'S GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER AND THE RSO MEETING USSS ADVANCE TEAM FEB. 3, AND ASSISTING THROUGH CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION FORMALITIES. TRANSPORTATION REQUESTED BEING PROVIDED.

B. RSO WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFEGUARDING OF ALL CLASSIFIED MATERIAL FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT.

4. ACCOMMODATIONS - OFFICE SPACE AND STAFF: CONTROLLED OFFICE SPACE ARRANGED FOR S/S-S WITH DESKS, CONFIDENTIAL

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TABLES, EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED.

5. GROUND TRANSPORTATION: ALL NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED WITH DETAILS BEING SUBJECT SEPEL. FOLLOWING INFO GIVEN IN RESPONSE SUB-PARAGRAPH D, DRIVING TIMES:

- A. AIRPORT TO EMBASSY : 20 MINUTES.
- 2. AIRPORT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY: 20 MINUTES.
- 3. AIRPORT TO COM RESIDENCE: 20 MINUTES.
- 4. RESIDENCE TO EMBASSY: 10 MINUTES.
- 5. RESIDENCE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY: 10 MINUTES.
- 6. EMBASSY TO FOREIGN MINISTRY: 5 MINUTES.
- 7. AIRPORT TO PRESIDENCIA: 20 MINUTES.
- 8. PRESIDENCIA TO LEGISLATIVE PALACE: 10 MINUTES.
- 9. LEGISLATIVE PALACE TO EMBASSY: 10 MINUTES.

6 COMMUNICATIONS: INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED SEPTEL FEBRUARY 4.

7. FUNDING: INSTRUCTIONS CITED IN REFTELV UNDERSTOOD, AND WILL BE FOLLOWED. IN VIEW STRINGENT BUDGETARY SITUATION OF EMBASSY, WILL SEEK FUNDING FROM ARA/MGT RE SUB-PARAGRAPH G.

8. GIFTS: MR. ROBERT O. HOMME, FSO-4, POLITICAL OFFICER, DESIGNATED AS GIFT OFFICER.

9. MISCELLANEOUS:

A. THERE ARE NO LOCAL HOLIDAYS, WORKING CONDITIONS ETC. THAT ARE EXPECTED TO CURTAIL VISIT.

B. WATER IN PANAMA IS POTABLE AND NO SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY.

C. ELECTRICAL CURRENT IS 120 VOLTS, 60 CYCLES.

D. DRY SEASON PREVAILING IN PANAMA WITH HIGH TEMPERATURE OF APPROXIMATELY 85 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT AND LOW OF 75 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. CLEAR SKIES EXPECTED TO PREVAIL.

E. OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY ARE SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL FROM AIRPORT TO INFORMAL LUNCHEON HOSTED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL AT EITHER EL PANAMA HOTEL OR EL SENORIAL RESTAURANT BEGINNING AT 1230. THEY WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO LEGISLATIVE PALACE FOR SEATING BEFORE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL THERE AT 1400 HOURS. FROM ABOUT 1515 UNTIL
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ABOUT 1700 HOURS WHEN THEY WILL DEPART FOR AIRPORT THEY WILL BE AT EL PANAMA HOTEL.

10. MR JOHN D. BLACKEN, FSO-4, CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION IS CONTROL OFFICER VOR VISIT. HIS HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 26-5472.
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